

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-511-C - ORDER NO. 98-123

FEBRUARY 19, 1998

IN RE: Application of Intellicall Operator)	ORDER
Services, Inc. and Interlink Tele-)	APPROVING
communications, Inc. for Approval)	ASSET
to Transfer Assets.)	TRANSFER

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition of Intellicall Operator Services, Inc. (IOS) and Interlink Telecommunications, Inc. (Interlink) requesting the approval of transfer of the assets of Interlink to Intellicall Operator Services, Inc.

The Commission's Executive Director, by letter, requested that the applicants publish at their own expense, one time, a Notice of Filing, in the area of the applicants' service, which would inform parties interested in participating in the process of a method by which they might participate. An affidavit was furnished showing compliance with this request. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed.

The parties now request approval of the transfer, based on the verified testimony of B. Reid Presson, Jr., filed on behalf of IOS, and request that our weekly meeting constitute the hearing required under the appropriate statute, S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310 (Supp. 1997). We hold that, since there is no opposition

to the proposed asset transfer, we will allow our weekly meeting to constitute the hearing in this matter, and will base our holding on the verified testimony of Mr. Presson.


According to Presson, IOS requests approval of a transfer of assets useful in the provision of telecommunications services in South Carolina from Interlink Telecommunications, Inc. to IOS. Both Interlink and IOS are certificated to provide intrastate resold telecommunications services in South Carolina. IOS will then take over Interlink's obligation to serve its customers in South Carolina. After the acquisition occurs, Interlink will cease to exist and will no longer provide telecommunications services in South Carolina. According to Presson, IOS has the financial and technical ability to take over service from Interlink. Presson also states that the asset transfer is in the public interest.

We have examined the application, all materials, and the prefiled testimony of Presson, and hold that the asset transfer should be approved as filed as being in the public interest. Obviously, IOS has the capability to take over and continue to provide the services that Interlink provided. As soon as the transaction is complete, IOS shall so inform this Commission, and we shall then cancel Interlink's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

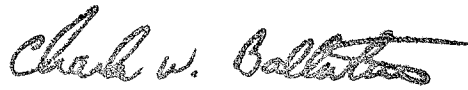
The Motion to establish prefiling dates of February 10, 1998 is hereby rescinded.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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